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No 4726 dated Calcutta, the 3rd June 1882

From—A S Lethbridge Esq, M D, Inspector-General of Jails, Bengal

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Judicial Department

I have the honour to forward herewith the reports of the committee and superintendent of the Reformatory School at Alipore for the year 1881 I have satisfied myself by personal inspection that the management of this institution is all that can be desired Mr Kirschner, the superintendent, deserves great credit for the many improvements that he has carried out, and for the very careful manner in which the school has been managed.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, REFORMATORY SCHOOL, FOR THE YEAR 1881

The report of the superintendent, which is hereto annexed, leaves little for the committee to state in connection with the working of the Reformatory School during the year 1881

Great improvement has been effected in the management of the Reformatory School since Mr Kirschner assumed charge of it Discipline has been enforced without severity, or even harshness of treatment, which is specially remarkable among such difficult subjects

The boys have greatly improved in proficiency in their works, some having shown remarkable aptitude, which on their discharge from the Reformatory School is likely to ensure for them employment and earnings much beyond their ordinary class

Moreover, the reports from district magistrates regarding the boys already discharged from the Reformatory School since its opening in March 1878 are with one exception exceedingly favourable, showing that the influence of the Reformatory School has been productive of good results Care has been taken that the boys when discharged should not be subject to police supervision, but should rather be placed under the charge of some zemindar or person of local influence and established character

The net earnings of the Reformatory School have been fair The committee regard this as a matter of comparatively small importance to the healthy progress of the institution as an educational and reformatory school, and though in some respects improvement may be made in course of time, the committee have reason to be satisfied with the present general results.

H T Prinsep,

President

Annual Report for the year 1881

THE school contained on the 1st January 1881 103 boys and during the year under review there were admitted direct from the—

Police courts of Alipore and Calcutta	15
And from the other districts	11
Giving a total of . .	129
Of whom were released on expiry of sentence ...	17
By order of the High Court on appeal	2
Died .	3
Escaped	1
Leaving at the end of the year 1881	106

These belonged to the following religions —

Hindoos .	55
Mussulmans	50
Jew	1
Total	106

Discipline—The discipline and general behaviour of the boys have continued to be satisfactory and I am glad to be able to report that whilst the average number of boys in the school rose from 98 32 in 1880 to 102 36 in 1881, punishments fell from 6 7 in 1880 to 3 5 in 1881

The offences committed were chiefly such as might be looked for amongst a large number of boys viz fighting, being noisy disobedience idling in the workshops and at school, and destroying Government property The punishments given were as follows —

Penal diet	287
Canings	57
Locked up ..	36
Degraded from monitorship	4
Marks cut	56
Warned	13
Total	453

against 803 for 1880

Mark system—The mark system which enables the boys by good behaviour, attention at school, and industry to earn weekly one anna, has worked very well, and it affords me much pleasure to report a decided improvement under this head

The boys earned during the year 1881 Rs 89 8, against Rs 63-11 for 1880

The average number of boys entitled to marks per week was 46 80, and the average earning per week amounted to Re 1-11 6, against Re 1-3 7 in 1880

The boys and their duties—There were no alterations in the duties of the boys, they remained the same as in the previous year

Escape—On the 20th November a boy named Sheik Abdool effected his escape from the outside garden Watching his opportunity, when the other boys and the warders were engaged in killing a small alligator which had come out of the tank, he went along the bank of the canal, where his clothes were found, and made good his escape

The warder in charge was tried by the deputy magistrate of the Alipore police-court for negligently allowing a boy to escape from his custody, and was sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment

All possible steps were immediately taken for his recapture, but without success

Sanitary—The year 1881 has been on the whole a healthy one and although the number of sick rose from 1 50 in 1880 to 2 44 in 1881, yet there was no important sickness amongst the boys, and the increase of admissions into the hospital may be accounted for by the fact that a few sickly boys were again and again admitted and that there were also a greater number of small boys in 1881 than in 1880

I regret to have to report the death of three boys during the year 1881

1 Balvadra died suddenly of cholera on the 30th April

2 Troilukho Dhoba died on the 29th January 1881, two weeks after his admission When admitted he suffered from enlargement of spleen and diarrhœa and in spite of all that was done for him by the medical officer and the native doctor he did not rally

3 Rojobally died on the 19th November 1881, after a stay of seven months and 21 days at the school He suffered much with enlargement of spleen and died eventually under repeated attacks of fever and complicated disease

The boys are in an excellent condition, and there have been various entries made by the official visitors testifying to the healthy and cheerful appearance of the inmates of the school

Maintenance—The expenditure per head during the year under report fell from Rs 132 15-7 in 1880 to Rs 122 1-1 for 1881, showing a saving per head of Rs 10-14 6

It will be seen from statement A that the expenditure for 1881 decreased under all heads

Construction and repairs —The expenditure under this head fell from Rs 464-0-7 in 1880 to Rs 439-15 6, thus showing a decrease of Rs 24-1-1

Contingencies —Under this head the expenditure fell from Rs 955-4-11 in 1880 to Rs 822-2-3 in 1881, showing a decrease of Rs 133 2-8

Diet —Cost of dieting decreased from Rs 2,795-15-7 in 1880 to Rs 2,632-2-0 in 1881, or Rs 163-13-7 less

Statement B shows a comparison between the rates of 1880 and 1881, from which it will appear that the rates were considerably lower in 1881 than in 1880

Hospital —The expenditure under this head fell from Rs 216-13-3 in 1880 to Rs 184-5-3 in 1881, showing a decrease of Rs 32 8-0

Clothing —One suit of clothing for each boy only was served out The material for the same has been obtained from the Russa female jail, and each boy made up his own clothes

The expenditure under this head would have been much lower but for the purchase of 50 blankets, which were urgently required during the cold season

Fixed establishment —There is a decrease of Rs 149-4 5 in 1881, the cost being for 1880 Rs 8,282-5-2, whilst in 1881 Rs 8 133-0-9 has been expended under this head

Buildings —The tiled roof of the superintendent's stables was found to be leaky, and a thatched roof was put on instead

During a severe gale of wind the temporary cow-shed in the outside garden was blown down, and in its stead a new thatched house has been built, affording proper security and shelter to the Government bullocks and garden implements

A pucca cemented drain has been constructed around the superintendent's house and in front of the out-houses, thereby greatly benefiting the locality

During the year 1881 was finished the iron wire-fence running along the road south of the outside garden

The workshop godown was also altered and extended, an iron rack has been fitted into it, which allows the various sizes of wood and iron to be kept separately, and the cost of this alteration has been paid for from the manufactory funds

Establishment —The educational establishment remained unaltered and worked very satisfactorily, and statement E shows the cost of the training staff employed

The office writer and the native doctor continued to discharge their duties with zeal and efficiency

The warder staff worked on the whole satisfactorily

The first head-warder, Kodayi Singh, was retransferred to this institution on the 1st January 1881, and continued to work throughout the year with zeal and intelligence, but I fear that the numerous duties he has to perform, especially in the workshops and night duty, tell upon his health

On the 11th March 1881 the Board of Management's proposal for a redistribution of the fixed establishment was sanctioned, and the strength was brought up to the new scale —

		Rs.
1 first head warder	..	30
1 second ditto	...	15
1 third ditto	..	10
10 warders	each	8

The second head warder is paid from the manufactory funds, and though ordered to be employed only when absolutely necessary, it has been found that his services have been so needed that it seems doubtful whether it will be possible to dispense with them without seriously affecting the efficiency of the guard kept

Under the present system the night is divided into three watches, each of four hours, so that each of the three head-warders is four hours on and eight hours off duty, whilst during the day they are eight hours on duty and four hours off

Manufactory —Under this head are classed the various trades taught here and their operations during the year

Statement C presents a comparison between the proceeds of the manufactory of 1880 and 1881, and shows in detail expenditure and profits

The same industries were carried on in 1880 as in 1881 Work has been turned out to the value of Rs 8,517-15-8 —

	Rs	A	P.
Deposited in the treasury ...	2,896	0	2
Supplied to other departments ..	3,274	13	9
Value of manufactured articles in hand	1,773	10	0
Outstanding	573	7	9
Total	8,517	15	8

To this must be added the value of second-class public works done by the boys during 1881 as per statement D, amounting to Rs 90, which gives the total result of the year's operations as Rs 8,607-15-8

The cost of implements purchased during the year amounted to Rs 1,406-14, and Rs 5,073-10-6 were expended for raw material The value of raw material remaining in hand at the close of the year was Rs 1,612-8-9

Garden —The garden beyond and inside the enclosure was successfully cultivated, yielding for the diet of the boys a varied and liberal supply of suitable vegetables, and leaving a large surplus for sale to outsiders The net profits for 1881 under this head amount to Rs 421 3-11, against Rs 305-12-2½ in the previous year, showing an increase of Rs 115 7-9

Blacksmith —During the year under report several large works in hand from the previous year were finished, such as the garden fence, the iron rack, and galvanized iron partition of the workshop godown The net profits of the year under this head amount to Rs 359-11-6

The boys in this department have made fair progress, the quality of the work is much above the average of work in the bazar

Bookbinding —The outturn for the year 1881 in this department is very satisfactory The boys on the whole worked very well, and during the year the following work was executed —For the Bengal Secretariat, 85 superior half-bound books, for the Presidency Jail, 1,950 half bound, 1,774 kharua bound, 30,029 pamphlets, 716,321 envelopes, the net profit amounting to Rs 1,978-0-9 in 1881, against Rs 1,577 13 in 1880

Carpentry —The operations under this head have been very successful, and the profits rose from Rs 388-5-2½ to Rs 766 14-10, showing an increase in the net profits of Rs 378-9-7½

I have much pleasure to report a decided progress made by the boys in this department, as they have successfully undertaken work of nearly every description The amount expended for outside labour to complete the more difficult kinds of carpenter's work fell from Rs 745-2-0 to Rs 250-9-2

Cane-work —The profits under this head rose from Rs 150-3 9 in 1880 to Rs 289-2 6 in 1881 As already mentioned in last year's report, this item includes all the japanning and gilding of cane work, which adds considerably to the profits

There were only five boys employed in this branch of industry, and their progress is very satisfactory

Tinsmith —This industry has been a very prosperous one and reflects much credit on some of the boys engaged in it Their workmanship is as good as can be had in any of the first class Europe shops in the town The demand for deed boxes, writing-cases, travelling-trunks, and for a hundred other articles made of tin, has been great The profits in 1881 rose from Rs 800 8 5 in 1880 to Rs 1,316-13-10

Contingencies —A sum of Rs 356-8-3 has been expended for cart and cooly hire for the purpose of taking away manufactured articles and bringing materials, for carriage hire for the superintendent to go to town on business connected with the manufactory, for shoeing and feeding of bullocks and for repairs of cart, &c

In conclusion I beg to say that it affords me much pleasure to lay before the Board of Management the third annual report, and whilst there is an appreciable decrease in the cost of maintenance, a considerable increase in the profits of the manufactory is shown as the result of the year's operations

It has been always my endeavour to carry out the orders of the Board in their entirety and whilst paying due regard to economy in the management of the finances, the welfare of the boys has been aimed at in every undertaking

As already shown, punishments fell off by almost 50 per cent, whilst strict discipline has been maintained as usual

There are a few boys who may be called incorrigible, but even these did not give much trouble The cane had to be resorted to in very few cases, and I believe that with the improvements made about the workshops, and under constant supervision, offences will be fewer, and punishments will decrease

To test the practical results of the system of the Reformatory School half-yearly information regarding released boys is asked for from magistrates in whose districts they reside, and reports have been received in regard to 16 boys, who are all doing well, and who are bearing a good character among their neighbours

J G KIRSCHNER,

Superintendent

STATEMENT A

Showing increase and decrease of expenditure during the year 1881

	1880 Average No 98 32	1881 Average No 102 30	Increase.	Decrease	Cost per head 1880	Cost per head 1881	Increase per head	Decrease per head
	Rs A P	Rs A P	Rs A P	Rs A P	Rs A P	Rs A P	Rs A P	Rs A P
Construction and repairs	464 0 7	439 15 6		24 1 1	4 11 7	4 5 0		0 6 7
Contingencies	965 4 11	822 2 3		133 2 8	9 1 9	8 0 11		1 0 10
Diet	2 735 15 7	2 572 3 6		163 12 7	28 8 7	25 12 10		2 11 9
Hospital	216 13 3	184 5 3		32 8 0	2 2 5	1 12 10		0 5 7
Clothing	386 0 0	240 12 0		145 4 0	3 15 0	2 5 9		1 9 3
Fixed establishment	8,283 5 2	8 133 0 9		149 4 5	84 8 3	79 11 9		4 12 6
Total	13 100 7 6	1* 452 5 9			132 15 7	128 1 1		

Statement B.

	1880, Rates.												1881, Rates.											
	January 1880.	February 1880.	March 1880.	April 1880.	May 1880.	June 1880.	July 1880.	August 1880.	September 1880.	October 1880.	November 1880.	December 1880.	January 1881.	February 1881.	March 1881.	April 1881.	May 1881.	June 1881.	July 1881.	August 1881.	September 1881.	October 1881.	November 1881.	December 1881.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs.	Rs	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. A. P	Rs.
Rice ...	3 1 0	3 0 0	.....	.....	...	...	2 10 0	.....	.....	2 3 9	.....	.....	2 0 0	..	1 13 6	.....	...	...	1 15 0	2 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dal, mutter ...	3 5 0	3 2 0	3 0 0	.....	...	...	2 4 0	.....	.....	2 1 0	.....	.....	1 14 0	...	1 12 0	.....	...	...	1 14 0	2 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
" mussur ...	3 6 0	3 4 6	3 4 0	.....	...	...	2 4 0	.....	.....	2 3 0	.....	.....	2 0 6	...	1 13 0	.....	...	...	2 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" kalai ...	.....	..	.....	2 8 0	...	...	2 2 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	1 13 0	.....	...	...	2 0 0	1 15 6	.....	.....	.....	.....
" urhur ...	3 1 0	3 0 0	.....	.....	...	...	2 12 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 15 6	...	2 1 0	.....	...	...	2 4 0	2 8 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
" boot ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	3 0 0	.....	.....	3 0 0	..	2 5 0	.....	...	...	2 8 0	3 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salt ...	4 9 0	4 7 0	.....	.....	...	...	4 8 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 11 6	...	4 4 0	.....	...	...	4 8 0	4 4 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Turmeric ...	6 8 0	6 4 0	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	5 10 0	6 4 0	.....	.....	6 4 0	...	4 8 0	.....	...	...	5 0 0	4 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dhunia ...	5 0 0	4 8 0	4 4 0	.....	...	...	5 0 0	.....	4 0 0	5 4 0	.....	.....	2 8 0	...	3 0 0	.....	...	...	2 0 0	3 8 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chillies ...	9 0 0	8 0 0	.....	.....	...	...	9 0 0	.....	8 2 0	9 0 0	.....	.....	8 8 0	...	9 0 0	.....	...	...	9 0 0	8 8 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Onion ...	3 7 0	3 2 0	5 4 0	.....	...	...	2 8 0	.....	1 4 0	1 2 0	.....	.....	1 4 0	...	.....	.....	...	...	1 8 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Attah ...	5 2 0	5 0 0	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	3 12 0	4 0 0	.....	3 12 6	...	3 11 0	.....	...	...	3 13 0	4 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Steam coal ...	0 7 0	.....	.....	.....	...	...	0 6 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0 6 0	...	.....	0 5 7	0 6 0	...	5 4 0	0 6 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vegetable ...	1 0 0	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 0 0	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mustard oil ...	15 2 0	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 2 0	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fish ...	12 2 0	.....	.....	10 0 0	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 0 0	.....	7 0 0	...	.....	8 0 0	.....	...	9 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dahee ...	4 12 0	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	6 8 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 8 0	...	4 12 0	5 0 0	.....	...	.....	4 12 0	.....	.....	4 8 0	.....
Milk ...	4 12 0	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 12 0	...	5 0 0	.....	.....	...	.....	4 8 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sugar ...	11 8 0	.....	11 4 0	.....	...	...	9 12 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 4 0	...	8 8 0	.....	.....	...	10 0 0	11 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arrowroot ...	13 0 0	12 8 0	13 0 0	12 8 0	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 8 0	...	11 0 0	.....	.....	...	12 0 0	10 4 0	.....	.....	.....	.....

Statement C.

Showing results of operations of the Manufactory Department during the year 1881.

1	2			3			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Proceeds in 1880.			Proceeds in 1881																
	Remitted into treasury.	Supplied to other departments.	Total.	Remitted into treasury.	Supplied to other departments.	Total.	Value of manufactured goods in stock.	Outstanding.	Total of columns 3, 4, and 5.	Implements purchased	Raw materials purchased.	Value of articles received from other jails.	Total of columns 7, 8, and 9.	Implements remaining in stock on 31st December 1881.	Raw materials remaining in stock on 31st December 1881.	Total of columns 11 and 12.	Difference between columns 10 and 13, being raw material expended.	Net profit.	Cost of extra establishment.	Profit, deducting cost of extra establishment.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P.
Garden ...	96 3 4½	163 4 1	259 7 5½	208 12 11	173 6 6	382 3 5	.....	107 10 6	499 13 11	4 0 0	68 10 0	.....	72 10 0	4 0 0	...	4 0 0	68 10 0	431 3 11	138 5 0	292 14 11
Blacksmith ...	33 3 0	43 12 0	86 15 0	154 8 0	763 8 0	899 0 0	.....	40 0 0	899 0 0	401 8 0	1,015 6 9	.....	1,416 14 9	401 8 0	476 3 3	877 10 3	539 4 6	359 11 6	.....	359 11 6
Bookbinding ...	12 1 0	1,601 6 1	1,613 7 1	18 8 0	2,032 3 3	2,050 11 3	..	9 0 0	2,059 11 3	933 9 0	56 15 3	26 11 3	1,016 10 6	933 9 0	7 0 0	940 0 0	76 10 6	1,983 0 9	.....	1,983 0 9
Carpentry ...	1,132 9 6½	336 4 0	1,512 13 6½	1,212 11 9	364 13 0	1,597 7 9	404 8 9	322 2 6	2,231 3 3	64 14 0	2,016 4 3	.....	2,079 8 3	64 14 0	750 10 6	815 8 6	1,263 10 3	1,017 8 6	250 9 9	766 14 10
Cane-work ...	268 5 0	...	268 5 0	279 8 0	...	279 8 0	100 3 0	52 2 0	431 13 0	..	163 2 6	.....	163 2 6	...	22 8 0	22 8 0	152 10 6	209 3 6	10 8 0	199 3 6
Tunsmith	490 6 10	23 8 0	573 14 10	1,019 15 6	3 0 0	1,021 15 6	1,178 15 6	155 8 9	2,356 7 3	3 8 0	1,372 15 9	.....	1,376 7 9	3 8 0	549 4 6	552 12 0	1,023 11 9	1,328 11 6	15 12 9	1,312 13 10
Contingencies...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ..	... ..	.. ..	.....	.....	353 9 6	23 15 3	356 8 9	.....	.....	... ..	356 8 3	.....	... ..	.....
Total ..	2,052 12 9	2,171 2 2	4,253 14 11	2,896 0 2	3,374 13 9	6,170 13 11	1,773 10 0	673 7 9	8,517 15 8	1,406 14 0	5,025 0 9	50 10 6	6,480 8 6	1,406 14 0	1,812 8 9	3,219 6 8	3,461 1 9	5,419 6 3	419 11 12	4,995 10 4

STATEMENT D

Showing list of second class public works executed by the School during 1881.

	Nature of work	Amount
		Rs A P
Thatching of roof on superintendent's stable		15 0 0
Thatched house in garden		50 0 0
Drains round the superintendent's house		35 0 0
Total		99 0 0

STATEMENT E

Showing cost of Teachers and Trade Instructors during 1881

	Salary of teachers	Salary of trade instructors	Purchase of things for school	Total	Cost per head
	Rs. A. P	Rs A P	Rs A P	Rs A P	Rs. A P
Contingencies			24 15 6	24 15 6	0 3 11
Fixed establishment	1,140 0 0	585 8 8		1 725 8 6	16 14 6
Total	1 140 0 0	585 8 8	24 15 6	1 750 6 2	17 2 7

J G KIRSCHNER,

Superintendent

W H D'C—Reg No—2963J—310—15-6-82

RESOLUTION.

JAILS

Calcutta, the 21st July 1882

READ—

Letter No 4726, dated the 3rd June 1882, from the Inspector-General of Jails, forwarding with his remarks the reports from the President of the Board of Management of the Reformatory School at Alipore, and from the Superintendent of that institution, for the year 1881

Read also—

The report for the preceding year and the orders of Government thereon

There was a slight increase in the number of boys in the school at the close of the year. At its commencement the number of the inmates was 103, and during the year 26 were admitted—15 from the Police Courts of Calcutta and Alipore, and the others from different districts. Out of the total of 129, 17 were released on the expiration of their sentence, 2 were released on appeal by the High Court, 3 died and 1 effected his escape. The number of boys remaining in the school on the 31st December 1881 was 106, of whom 55 were Hindus, 50 Mahomedans, and 1 a Jew.

2. The general behaviour of the boys is reported to have been satisfactory. The President remarks that since Mr. Kirschner took over charge of the school, there have been great improvements in the management of it, and that discipline is now enforced without recourse to severe or frequent punishment. The better conduct of the boys has naturally affected the amount earned by them under the mark system, the result being that the total amount of pecuniary rewards obtained by the boys has increased from Rs. 63-11 in 1880 to Rs. 89-8 during the past year.

3. The year is reported to have been a healthy one, though the average number of sick in hospital rose from 1·5 in 1880 to 2·44 in 1881: the increase is said to be due to the repeated admissions of a few delicate boys. The physical condition of the boys is good, and in the remarks of the official visitors their appearance is described as healthy and cheerful. Of the three deaths, one was caused by cholera, one was that of a boy who was ill when admitted, and who only lived for two weeks: in the third case the boy had been in the school for more than seven months, but had been suffering from enlarged spleen and from frequent attacks of fever.

4. The total cost of the maintenance of the school during the year was Rs. 12,452-5-9 as compared with Rs. 13,100-7-6 in 1880; the total decrease, which was distributed over all the heads, amounted to Rs. 648-1-9. The average cost per head was Rs 122-1-1 as against Rs. 132-15-7 in the preceding year. The decrease of Rs 163-13-7 in the amount expended on diet is due to the fact that prices were lower in 1881 than in 1880

5. Attention has been paid to the regular employment of the boys, and the amounts realised from the manufactures on which they were engaged have increased. Including the value of manufactured articles in hand at the end of the year, the total value of the articles manufactured was Rs 8,517; the net profit, deducting the cost of the additional establishment employed in consequence of the strength being brought up to the new scale, was Rs. 4,993-10-4 as compared with Rs. 2,538 in 1880 and Rs. 1,589 in 1879. The value of the boys' labour in connection with some public works carried out in the school amounted to Rs. 90 From the garden large quantities of vegetables were supplied for the use of the boys The quantity produced much exceeded, however, the requirements of the school, and the surplus was sold. The receipts under this head yielded a net profit of Rs. 421-3-11 as compared with Rs. 305-12-2 in the previous year.

6. The trades taught to the boys were the same as those in which instruction was given in the preceding year; they were those of a book-binder, tinsmith, blacksmith, carpenter and cane-worker. The progress made by the boys in these various trades was, it is reported, very satisfactory.

7. In the Resolution on the report for 1880, it was remarked that the Board of Management had submitted a set of draft rules in substitution for the rules already in existence regarding the ages at which, and the periods for which, juvenile offenders should be admitted into the reformatory. The general object of the change was so to modify the existing rules as to ensure the exclusion of incorrigible offenders, and also to ensure boys being sent to the school for a sufficient time to admit of their receiving some permanent benefit from the training received in that institution. After fully considering the proposed rules, the Lieutenant-Governor has decided that it is not necessary to alter those which have already been passed, as, if carefully attended to by judicial officers, they are sufficient to secure the desired ends. Separate orders will issue on this subject.

8. It has now been finally decided to open a Reformatory school at Hazaribagh for youthful offenders from the districts in Behar. All boys of this class now in the Alipore school will be transferred to the new school, arrangements for opening which have been completed. The increased accommodation made available at Alipore is much required.

9. The report for the past year is, the Lieutenant-Governor considers, very satisfactory, and much credit is due to Mr. Kirschner for the way in which he has managed the institution. The effect of the training on boys who have been released is stated to have been very beneficial, the half-yearly reports received from District Magistrates showing that the 16 boys reported on are doing well, and bear a good character amongst their neighbours.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the Board of Management for information, and for communication to the members of the Board, and that a copy of the Report with a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Inspector-General of Jails.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

F. B. PEACOCK,

Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

No. 1409P.

COPY forwarded to the President of the Board of Management of the Reformatory School at Alipore for information and for communication to the members of the Board.

No. 1410P.

COPY of the above Resolution, and a copy of the Report, forwarded to the Inspector-General of Jails for information

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

W. DUNBAR BLYTH,

Under-Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

CALCUTTA,
The 21st July 1882

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